lege, New Delhi to ensure proper labelling of medicine bottles to prevent such instances in future

Losses of F.C.I.

5458 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) the accumulated loss sustained by the Food Corporation of India as on date

(b) the reasons for such losses,

(c) whether some States have mooted the idea of having their own Corporations just to cut down high incidentals, pilferage and loss in transit of foodgrains,

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto and

(e) the effective steps being taken to make the Food Corporation of India a financially viable unit and reduce its high over heads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) As on 31 3 1991 the accumulated losses in FCI were Rs 15 58 crores

(b) The main reason for the losses suffered by FCI was the inadequate margin allowed to them for handling imported fertilizers

(c) No such proposal has been received

(d) Does not arise

(e) Steps have been taken by way of reducing administrative expenditure as well as effecting economies in storage handling, movement and distribution of foodgrains

[*Translation*]

Grants to Educational Institutions in Bihar

5459 SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the details of the Central assistance provided to the various educational institutions (Government, non-Government and Christian missionaries) functioning and established in adivasi areas in Bihar dunng last three years, year-wise, and

(b) the details of the amount utilised after allocation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[*English*]

Hospital for Infectious Diseases in South Delhi

5460 SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether there had been a proposal to construct a hospital for infectious diseases in South Delhi

(b) if so the details thereof,

(c) the reasons for not constructing such a hospital and

(d) the steps proposed for the construction of such hospital in South Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). The Municipal Corporation of Delhi had a proposal for construction of an infectious diseases hospital in South Delhi. However, the Corporation has since reviewed the matter and found the proposal not feasible inter alia on account of under-utilization of the capacity of its existing infectious diseases hospital in Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar.

Manufacture of Anti-Rabies Vaccine in Karnataka

5461. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJEWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of anti- rabies vaccine in the State of Karnataka;

(b) the annual production of this vaccine in the State and the extent to which it is likely to be increased; and

(c) the name of the State where this vaccine is being produced presently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Anti-rabies vaccine production institution in the State of Karnataka are under the control of State Government, As per the figures available with the Central Government, 38.47 lakh doses of anti-rabies vaccines were produced there during the year 1990-91 and it is proposed to increase this production gradually upto 65.00 lakh doses by the year 1994-95

(c) Presently the following States are producting anti rabies vaccine for human use:–

1. Maharashtra.
2. Himachal Pradesh.
3. Tamil Nadu.
4. Gujarat
5. West Bengal
6. Bihar
7. Uttar Pradesh
8. Meghalaya
9. Kerala
10. Karnataka
11. Andhra Pradesh

[*Translation*]

Import of Pulses

5462. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign exchange incurred on the import of pulses during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to check this import and the extent of success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The value of pulses imported during the last three years is as under:–

Year	*Value*
	(Rupees in crores)
1988-89	384.91
1989-90 (Prov)	227 90
1990-91 (Prov.)	481.17

(b) Necessary measures have been taken to increase production of pulses in the country. The production of pulses has increased from 10.96 million tonnes in 1987-88 to 14.06 million tonnes in 1990-91